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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice dated March 6, 2006 indicating that the Appeal Brief filed January 19, 2006 did not contain a copy of the appealed claims as an Appendix. Apparently, "Appendix 1" containing the appealed claims was inadvertently not mailed to the PTO with the other exhibits to the Brief. This is the same Appendix that was submitted in the three prior Appeal Briefs, except that the Appendix is now limited to the appealed claims only.

Accordingly, enclosed is a copy of Appendix 1 for inclusion with the Brief.

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APPENDIX 1

13. (Previously Presented) A disc drive comprising an actuator with a machined external peripheral surface extending along an entire periphery of the actuator and comprising a desired profile dimension entirely defined by the machined external peripheral surface.

17. (Previously Presented) The disc drive of claim 13 wherein the machined external peripheral surface of the actuator has a tolerance of less than 0.010 inches relative to the desired profile dimension.

18. (Previously Presented) The disc drive of claim 13 wherein the machined external peripheral surface of the actuator has a tolerance of 0.005 inches or less relative to the desired profile dimension.